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## CSPP Praises House Committee for Recognizing the Importance of Education and Innovation

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The Computer Systems Policy Project (CSPP), a coalition of chief executive officers from America's leading information technology companies, applauded the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce for conducting a hearing today that examined the role of education and innovation in creating high-wage jobs for American workers. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and other witnesses testified before Committee Chairman John Boehner (R-OH) on how both education and innovation are more critical than ever to individuals seeking better lives and opportunities.

"America's success in the 21st century will be determined by our ability to innovate, foster entrepreneurship and constantly improve the skill base of our workforce," said Bruce Mehlman, executive director of CSPP. "I applaud Chairman Boehner and the Committee for taking steps today to examine the critical role that education and innovation play in producing sustained economic growth and creating better job opportunities for American workers and their families."

In January, CSPP offered preliminary recommendations to policymakers on ways to increase U.S. growth and competitiveness, ensure our nation's continued technology leadership and help create new American jobs. In the report, Choose to Compete: How Innovation, Investment and Productivity Can Grow U.S. Jobs and Ensure American Competitiveness in the 21st Century, the executives propose a multi-faceted, thoughtful undertaking, asking Congress and the Bush Administration to join them in crafting comprehensive initiatives and specific policies in three areas:

- Promoting and strengthening our innovation pipeline;
- Encouraging investment in technologies and infrastructure that promote competitiveness and fuel entrepreneurship;
- Improving education and training for American students and workers.

The report is available at [www.cspp.org](http://www.cspp.org).

Founded in 1989, CSPP is the information technology industry's leading advocacy organization comprised exclusively of CEOs. The CSPP members include Michael Dell of Dell, Joseph Tucci of EMC, Carly Fiorina of HP, Sam Palmisano of IBM, Craig Barrett of Intel, Edward Zander of Motorola, Mark Hurd of NCR, and Larry Weinbach of Unisys. The CSPP CEOs visit Washington twice annually to meet with lawmakers about issues of importance to the high-tech industry and work throughout the year to promote education, analysis and recommendations. For more information, please visit [www.cspp.org](http://www.cspp.org).

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